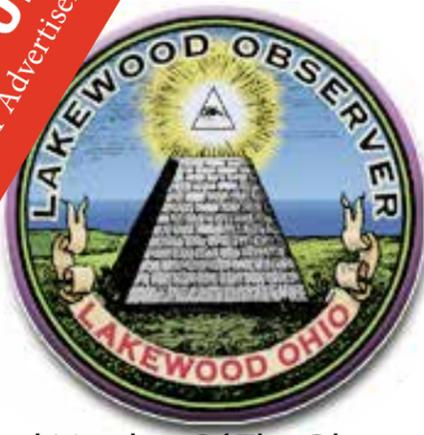


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Come Celebrate The New Elementary Schools!

Another Great School Year Ahead For LCS



A sneak peek of the brand new Grant Elementary School campus in the heart of Downtown Lakewood is pictured above. Come see the latest and greatest Lakewood City Schools has to offer on August 16, 17, and 18 as Grant, Lincoln, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools (respectively) are officially commissioned for the 2016-2017 school year. More photos of the LO's exclusive building tours can be found inside on page 6 of this issue.

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools opens its doors for the 2016-2017 school year on Tuesday, August 23. Students at Grant, Lincoln and Roosevelt Elementary Schools will start the

year in new buildings after two years at transition sites. New students will be attending orientations across the District the week of August 15.

New administrators this school year include Grant

Elementary Principal Kaitlyn Turner, a former Hayes Elementary teacher, and Director

of Student Services Lisa Bruening, who served in that role in Berea.

We look forward to another great year at the Lakewood City Schools.

CCF Appoints James Hekman Medical Director Of Lakewood Campus

by Sabrina Powers

Cleveland Clinic has appointed James Hekman, M.D., as the medical director for the new Cleveland Clinic Lakewood Family Health Center.

In this new role, Dr. Hekman will focus on achieving a hub of world-class ambulatory and ED care at the center of Lakewood, while working with the Lakewood community to encourage the wellness of its citizens in the form of educational talks, health fairs, community volunteerism and partnering with local organizations.

Construction of the new \$34 million, 62,000-square-foot facility is planned to begin in the fourth quarter of 2016 and is expected to be completed by mid-2018. The three-floor structure is expected to house an emergency department, imaging center, family medicine, primary care physicians and medical specialists.

Dr. Hekman joined Cleveland Clinic in 2008, practicing internal medicine with



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a subspecialty in HIV at the Beachwood Family Health and Surgery Center. An advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) patients and caregivers alike, Dr. Hekman most recently helped design and launch Cleveland Clinic's Center for LGBT Care in the Chagrin Falls Family **continued on page 11**

Eagles Three-Peat Bid Includes ESPN, Browns Stadium Games

by Mike Deneen

Last year St. Edward defied expectations by winning a second straight state football title under first year coach Tom Lombardo. The Eagles will begin their title defense at First Federal Lakewood Stadium on Saturday, August 27th. The game, which will kick

off at noon, will be broadcast by ESPN to a national audience. Their opponent will be Pine-Richland High School from suburban Pittsburgh. The Rams feature junior quarterback Phil Jurkovec, widely considered one the ten best quarterbacks in the nation in his class.

The Eagles defense has looked strong in the offseason, including in a recent scrimmage against Canton McKinley High School. They kept the speedy Bulldogs in check on a warm, sunny morning in Lakewood. The offense lagged the defense, which is often the **continued on page 13**

Summer Drought Breaks With A Bang



Lakewood residents on the Gold Coast got to watch the edge of the storm roll in along Lake Erie last Thursday evening. The storms that followed downed trees and power lines, leaving thousands of Lakewoodites without power throughout the City for days. To share your photos of the storms or to see many more impressive images like the one above captured by your friends and neighbors visit: www.lakewoodobserver.com/photoblogs and lakewoodobserver.com/forum

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From The Editor's Desk

We Still Want YOU!

by Margaret Brinich, Editor-In-Chief

Even after over a decade of service to the residents of Lakewood, we still get asked all the time:

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Over \$1M To Push Lakewood Schools Renovation To Final Construction Phase

by *Nickie Antonio*

In light of the new school year, State Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) recently announced the release of \$1,392,709 in state funds for the Lakewood City School District Master Facility Plan Amendment. This funding will help push the Master Facility Plan towards completion, with the dedication celebrations of three elementary schools quickly approaching in mid-August.

In 2003, Lakewood City Schools District adopted the Master Facilities Plan to rebuild or renovate many of the schools in the district. So far, Lincoln Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, Garfield Middle School, Harding Middle School, and Lakewood High School have been rebuilt or renovated. The project is now in the final phase of construction as workers finish rebuilding the three elementary

schools and renovating the second half of the high school. The need for additional funding is primarily due to market conditions surrounding the completion of this third and final phase of construction. The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission passed a resolution approving the project last month, while August 8th marked the official release of funds.

"This additional funding is essential to completing a 13-year long project to establish top-of-the-line education facilities and increase technological support in the classroom," said Antonio. "Lakewood City Schools have long been recognized for excellence in academics, community service, the arts and sports, and will soon be recognized for having some of the best facilities across the state. I look forward to the completion of this project and the positive impact it will provide for the learning experience of both students and teachers."



State Representative (D) Nickie Antonio of Lakewood.

The Turbulent Decade Of The 1960's

by *Barry Wemyss*

Consider joining us as the Lakewood Division of Aging and Lakewood Public Library take an in depth look at the people and events that made the decade of the 1960's so formative in our nation's history. Our class, "The Turbulent Decade of the 60's," will do a year by year study of the music, art and fashion, the important people, events and trends that caused these years to stay a part of our imaginations, even now. Using music from the time period as well as news-reel footage and other original source materials, our presenter, Dr. Joel Keller,

will look at the long-term significance of Vietnam and the civil rights movement, the race to the moon, as well as such cultural milestones as the British Invasion and Woodstock.

"The Turbulent Decade of the 60's" will be offered on four successive Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday, September 6, 2016, from 1 to 2 p.m. The class will be held at the Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Ave, Lakewood, Ohio. This program will be offered with the generous support of Lakewood Public Library. This class is free to the public, but participants are asked to reserve a place by calling the Activities Office at 216-529-5005.

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Congratulations To 692 Lakewood Summer Readers!

by Julie Strunk

Congratulations to 692 Summer Readers from birth through twelfth grade who finished the Lakewood Public Library summer reading club by reading either 30 books, 30 chapters or 30 hours from May 9th, 2016 through August 1st, 2016. A total of 2,873 children and students were registered for the Summer Reading Club this summer; 14,456 books, 8,640 chapters, and 3,005 hours of reading were completed. WOW! Readers recorded their reading and checked in at the Main Library and/or the Madison Branch throughout the summer and received support and encouragement from library staff, parents, caregivers, and community

supporters as we all joined together to prevent the "summer slide."

A culminating celebration occurred at the Madison Park Pavilion on Wednesday, August 3rd, 2016 with readers from birth through 5th grade and their families. We had a wonderful time playing games and soaking library staff with 294 party attendees.

A party with the readers in 6th through 12th grade took place on Friday, August 12th, 2016 at 3 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Thank you to Madison Square Lanes Bowling Alley, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, Giant Eagle, Chuck E. Cheese's of North Olmsted, Angelo's Pizza, Jimmy John's, Cyrano's Place, Jocelyn Petruccio Photography, and Ana Bell's Vanity for providing prizes to reward our readers! A huge thanks to the Friends of the Lakewood Public Library for providing most of the children's programs offered this summer as well as the weekly drawing gift cards and book prizes!



Readers' names were displayed on cupcakes in honor of Lakewood Public Library's 100th birthday this year.

Havana Nights Orchestra In Concert At LPL

by Elaine Rosenberger

Celebrate the dog days of summer and the music of Cuba with The Havana Nights Orchestra at Lakewood Public Library. Performing traditional Latin, Afro-Cuban and salsa music, the group consists of pianist Leo Coach, Tom First on tenor sax, percussionists Rey Cintron and John Stebal, and bassist Chris Vance.

The Havana Nights Orchestra's concert takes place on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Admission is free and open to all.

Back to School: Tools For Learning Outside The Library

by Andrea Fisher

For more than 100 years, Lakewood Public Library has been the destination for students of all ages to find books on a variety of subjects and also to provide a quiet space for study. That hasn't changed in the last century, however we offer even more to help students of all ages succeed in school through various online tools and databases. Visit lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/research for a complete list of the valuable online resources available for all Lakewood Public Library patrons.

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Family Hour With Uncle Wiggily

by Julie Strunk

Howard Roger Garis (1873-1962) was a reporter for the Newark Evening News when he first started writing stories for children about a gentleman rabbit named Uncle Wiggily. He created a widely syndicated series that eventually totaled hundreds of tales. The Uncle Wiggily board game was first introduced by Milton Bradley in 1916; players pick

up cards with funny rhyming verses to find out how far to move their Uncle Wiggily tokens along the game path.

Join us for a fun afternoon celebrating 100 years of the Uncle Wiggily game in the Main Library Activity Room on Sunday, August 21st, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. with Uncle Wiggily stories and a craft. You will even have the opportunity to play the current version of the board game!



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Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, August 18

Author Event: "And Then There Were Nuns"

By Kylie Logan (aka Casey Daniels)

A Booked for Murder Special Event

Bea Cartwright is delivering meals to a group of nuns on retreat. But the peace is shattered when one of the sisters is found at the water's edge—murdered. When a second nun is killed, Bea starts to wonder about the eerie parallels with Agatha Christie's classic, "And Then There Were None." This special Meet the Author evening is brought to you by Booked for Murder, Lakewood Public Library's long-running book club for lovers of murder, mystery and mayhem. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Friday, August 19

Front Porch Concert Series

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy fantastic music with friends and neighbors. Tonight we welcome Keystone Laboratory.

7:00 p.m. on the Main Library Front Porch

Saturday, August 20

Film: "12 Monkeys" (1995)

A man-made virus is killing off the human population but leaving the animal kingdom to flourish. In a desperate attempt to save the human race, a group of scientists send one man (Bruce Willis) back in time. But their calculations are a bit off, and Willis is mistaken for a madman. He must destroy the Army of the 12 Monkeys, and bring mankind back to power.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, August 21

Concert: Havana Nights Orchestra

The Havana Nights Orchestra performs music the music of Cuba in the traditional Latin, Afro-Cuban and salsa styles.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, August 23

Workshop: Introduction to Ancestry - Library Edition

The Ancestry genealogy resource is free to use every day at the Library. Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Space is limited, however, you are welcome to register with a partner and share a computer. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

Friday, August 26

Front Porch Concert Series

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy fantastic music with friends and neighbors. Tonight we welcome The Outlaws I&I.

7:00 p.m. on the Main Library Front Porch

Saturday, August 27

Film: "Lust for Life" (1955)

The life story of Vincent Van Gogh can be summed up in five adjectives—sad, mad, brilliant, misunderstood and unappreciated. It takes real film artists like Vincente Minnelli and Kirk Douglas to open up the material. Douglas' portrayal of Van Gough is startlingly convincing, and Anthony Quinn won an Oscar for his portrayal of Van Gough's friendly rival, Paul Gauguin.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, August 28

Concert: Hip to That

Playing jazz standards, crossover charts and even a few pop tunes, Hip to That is a diverse, young jazz combo determined to knock your socks off and add a little unexpected flavor to every song on the set list.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Sunday, August 21

Family Hour With Uncle Wiggily

For the whole family

Join us for an afternoon celebrating 100 years of the famous Uncle Wiggily Board Game, a story, and a craft. No registration required.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

Sunday, August 28

Sensory Story Time

For you and your 3-7 year old child

This story time program can be enjoyed by all children, but it is specifically designed for young children with special needs, autism or those with sensory processing challenges. Registration required.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Main Library Toddler Story Time Room.



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Lakewood Schools Sneak Peek



At Lincoln, the old archway into the school was built into the entrance again. Which leads to new colorful curvy hallways!



This fun feature leads up to the Learning Center, and the skylight. Great curves!



From the Learning Center--please excuse the boxes--you can see how it all works.



Large private bathrooms dominate the buildings.

Photos by Jim O'Bryan



The schools feature classrooms with tons of glass and natural light. Just stunning room after room. This is Grant, overlooking the playground.



The new music room at Grant being assembled for the students.



Nice touches throughout the buildings.



Even the steps are bright and colorful.



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Roosevelt, like all the schools, features bright bold colors. These schools are not limited to purple and gold anymore.



The colors are carried through the hallways, the classrooms, cafeteriums, bathrooms and gyms.



With great views through every school, from every corner. Beautiful work.

Lakewood Schools

District Moves To Strengthen Music Program

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools' Music Department and administrators used their 21st century thinking skills - creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication - to come up with a plan that will give our students more music opportunities in the middle schools and ensure that all K-12 students have access to quality music

education taught by a music specialist.

"One year ago this group of passionate and extremely talented music instructors was challenged to think outside the box to explore ways to provide more options for middle school music instruction while utilizing staff to their greatest potential. It has been a pleasure to work collaboratively with teachers and administrators to make

this challenge a reality in Lakewood," said Assistant Superintendent Roxann Ramsey-Caserio.

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, all middle school students will be able to take both vocal and an instrumental class. In the past, students had to choose between the two. All music instruction at the middle school will now take place five days a

week. This is an increase of 80 instructional minutes per week.

The new music schedule also allows for return to a full-time music specialist at Hayes Elementary and music instruction time for all students in the Lakewood City Schools. Last year, several teachers shared the Hayes position. With a dedicated specialist at each school, travel time will be reduced for teachers, allowing for an increase in student instruction time across the District.

With these changes, all programs across the Music Department should improve as consistency and cohesiveness is maintained in the program across K-12. With more instructional time, students will increase their musical skills, which will lead to a better and stronger program overall for the District.

Haynes Nursery School Turns 50!

by Alison Yonkers

For generations, Lakewood children have been building firm foundations at Haynes Nursery School of Lakewood Congregational Church. Haynes will celebrate its 50th birthday on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 from 6:30-7:30 pm. The party is open to the public!

Haynes Nursery School, located in Lakewood Congregational Church at 1375 West Clifton was established in 1966 by Marjorie Haynes, LCC's Sunday School Superintendent. For fifty years, Haynes has offered a non-denominational, preschool program that is welcoming and enriching for children ages 3-5. Children attend Haynes daily from 9:00 am-noon. Haynes highly qualified teaching staff includes members with education

degrees including Master's degrees. The Haynes staff follows the Ohio Department of Education's Early Learning Content Standards and is certified by The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services.

The children attend classes that prepare them for kindergarten and beyond. Haynes' students enjoy a fun, interactive literacy program, along with music, art, science, and a large, well-equipped gym. Also, a convenient drop-off and pick-up procedure is used.

Throughout the school year, Haynes families love the special programs for parents and students and other annual events. Special events include Popcorn with Pop, Muffins with Mom and our annual Fall gathering at Lakewood Park plus many more.

Please join us for the 50th Birthday celebration Wednesday, September 21, 2016 from 6:30-7:30 pm at 1375 West Clifton Blvd in the Lakewood Congregational Church

For more information, visit haynesnurseryschool.com. or call 216-256-1578.

St. Ed's Crew Team Rowing News

by Matt Carlsen, Varsity Coach

The past 4 years have truly been phenomenal for our program. Winning a National Championship in the Junior 8, coming in 3rd at the National championships in the Varsity 8, and qualifying more and more boats every year to Nationals is truly extraordinary. This past Fall and Spring we earned a total of 50 medals with 65 top five finishes at all of our races. The success can be attributed to the dedicated athletes that we bring on the team each year. They truly know how to work hard and push themselves to their max every single day.

The St. Edward High School Rowing Team will be holding its 4th Annual Eagle Rowing Challenge at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 20, 2016, at The Foundry, our boathouse located at 1831 Columbus Road in the Flats. The morning event includes the signature race between SEHS President Kubacki and this year's challenger, Principal Dr. O'Linn in a boat race on the Mighty Cuyahoga River, in addition to silent auctions, raffles, land games, lunch and more! This is the

major fundraising effort for our team and we anticipate drawing 300 people to the event.

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More info and tickets at [HTTPS://SEHS:EJOINME.ORG/EAGLEROWERS4](https://sehs.ejoinme.org/eaglerowers4). Cash and credit cards accepted at the event.

For more information about rowing please contact: jcfroelich@sehs.net.

Madison Nekl Of Lakewood Receives Tri-C Honors Program Fellowship

by John Horton

Madison Nekl of Lakewood has been selected for a Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) Honors Program Fellowship, which offers high-achieving students scholarships to cover tuition, fees and books as they work toward an associate degree.

Nekl signed a commitment letter with the College during an Aug. 4 ceremony at Tri-C's Jerry Sue Thornton Center in Cleveland. The scholarship — funded by the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation — is valued at up to \$4,250 per academic year.

Tri-C's third fellowship class includes Nekl and 18 other students who graduated high school with at least a 3.5 GPA and exceptional ACT/SAT scores. By entering the scholarship program, they commit to being full-time students and earning a degree from Tri-C within two years.

"These high-achieving students made Tri-C their first choice for a quality education," said Herbert Mausser, assistant dean of Honors and Experiential Learning Programs. "I look forward to seeing them cross the stage at commencement in May 2018."

The honors fellowship places special emphasis on academic planning, mentoring and portfolio building to reflect student work. Smaller hon-



ors class sizes also ensure specialized attention for students.

The program is designed to support eventual transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's and other advanced degrees. Previous Honors Program Fellows amassed numerous academic honors on their way to earning associate degrees from the College.

The goal is to expand the program to 80 students. The Tri-C Foundation secured funding for the program from numerous community partners that wanted to invest in students committed to securing a degree from the College.

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Sports

New Era Underway For LHS Girls Soccer

by Mike Deneen

Lakewood resident Roman Hubach has been a soccer coach for 40 years, and has played the game since he was 8 years old. For years he made the trip from Lakewood to coach the boys soccer team at Padua High School. He never intended to leave Padua, but decided to apply for the Lakewood girls soccer job when it came open. Hubach was hired, and players and parents are pleased with the results. The program has had a lot of coaching turnover in recent years, so Hubach's experience is a welcome tonic to the Rangers.

"I believe I am, and try to be, a player's coach," said Hubach, "I am not too much of a screamer, as in the players need to be able to work out their problems on the field by themselves. I like possession soccer and believe that skills, tactics, fitness and mental attitude are the foundations for suc-



Hubach coaches up the girls during their 3-1 scrimmage win over Gilmour.

cess." He brings an easygoing manner to the job, but also has a lifetime of experience and knowledge. The team

has worked hard in the offseason, and Hubach's methods are paying off. For example, they defeated Gilmour Acad-

emy 3-1 in a recent scrimmage at FFL Stadium.

Hubach brings long term vision for the program. "My long term goal for the program is to coach the girls well enough to be able to compete against the top team in the state and vie for State Championship." As for this season, he says, "I do like the cards I have been dealt at Lakewood. It all comes down to how we can compete under pressure and how the girls mesh together."

The Rangers' home season begins with a match against Vermilion on August 22nd. The game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. at First Federal Lakewood Stadium. In the words of Coach Hubach, "I have set my goals high and hope that the players are ready for the ride of their lives..."



New LHS Girls Soccer Coaches (left to right): Roman Hubach (Varsity) and Ted Nagel (JV).

LHS Boys Soccer Looks To Reload

by Mike Deneen

The Ranger boys soccer team had a memorable tournament run last season, defeating St. Edward and North Royalton before falling to eventual state champ St. Ignatius in the district final. Lakewood lost a lot of experience from that squad, but Head Coach Andrew Toth is keeping the goals high – he wants his team to compete for the Southwestern Con-

ference title, and to make a strong tournament run.

After losing ten seniors from last year's team, Toth and his players have worked hard over the offseason. "We have to see how pieces fit together," said the coach at a recent practice, "We have to create offense." Despite many new faces in the starting lineup, Lakewood has a very talented trio of returning players. Junior Attila Nagy is at midfield, where he acts as a sort of quarterback to the team; senior forward Chris Kafley assisted on the game-winning tournament goal against St. Edward last year; and Jack Hueter not only has skill, but tremendous upside as a sophomore. Toth calls them, "Three extremely talented players that can play anywhere, at any program."

The team has spent time bonding off the field as well. On August 6 they attended the NPSL Championship game in Independence to see the Cleveland Royals win their league title. Former Ranger Mike Derevic is a starting midfielder for the Royals, and he credits Toth and LHS soccer for helping him get where he is. Derevic met with the Rangers after the game, taking photos and signing autographs for the young players.

The Rangers season begins August 20th at First Federal Lakewood Stadium with a home match at 7 p.m. against Valley Forge. They host St. Edward for the annual crosstown rivalry at FFL Stadium on October 3rd at 7 p.m. Adult tickets to all games are \$6; kids 6-18 are \$4; Lakewood senior citizens and all kids under 5 are free.

Below: Coach Andrew Toth with some of his players during a recent practice.




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Sports

Ranger Football To Unveil New Offensive System

by Mike Deneen

After completing his second season as Head Football Coach at LHS, Mike Ribar knew that something had to change. The Rangers' offense has struggled in recent years, and was limited to less than 14 points per game last year. Michael Goolsby, the team's most consistent playmaker, was graduating. He decided it was time to move away from the program's traditional offensive system to a "read option" look.

The "read option" relies heavily on the quarterback to make smart decisions and good plays. As the name implies, he will have the option to run, hand off, or pass the ball on each play depending on the defensive scheme. Unlike some option systems (such as the one run collegiately at the Naval Academy), passing will also be a major factor in the scheme. "It's going to be exciting," says Ribar, "it will open



From a scrimmage: Here you see five people signal a play to the offense, but only one of them is the actual call. This is designed to prevent opponents from "cracking the code."

opportunities for big plays."

The new system involves a lot of mental preparation, especially for

the quarterback. In addition to using the "read option," the Rangers plan to quicken the pace of play. This is

designed to prevent defensive substitutions, hopefully creating mismatches in open space. Instead of a traditional huddle, each play is silently signaled to the team via hand gestures from the sideline. In order to prevent "sign stealing," multiple "dummy signalers" are used, and the players need to know which is giving the actual play. To help keep everything straight, players will have play lists strapped to their forearms -- a technique that is widely used at the college level.

The role of starting quarterback will be filled by junior Austin Mahar, who has made a lot of nice plays in training camp. Quentin Palmer, an experienced running back, is expected to start in the backfield with Mahar. They will work behind Tyler Fox, who is returning to the offensive line at center. Ian Plumley and George Johnson also return to provide offensive line experience.

The defensive side, which has looked good through the team's first two scrimmages, also has key returners. Kevin Musai and Basho Khawan will be back as inside linebackers. Tom Paul will play one of the outside LB positions, and Sean Wiggins will serve as safety. On special teams, the kicking situation is not yet clear. One contender is Atilla Nagy, a junior from the LHS soccer program. Like many schools, Lakewood has had success in recent years using soccer players as football kickers.

To have a strong season, it is vital that the Rangers play minimize mistakes, especially on offense. When done well, the "up tempo game" can wear out the opponents' defense. However, mistakes could lead to very short time of possession, putting the Lakewood defense out on the field too many times. The team is young in many areas, but Ribar is optimistic. "We're excited, we have potential," he says.

Lakewood opens the season with a home game against Medina on Friday, August 26th at 7 p.m. Adult tickets are \$6, Lakewood senior citizens and children under five are admitted free. Student tickets are \$4 via pre-sale at the school.

New LHS Volleyball Coach Looks To Expand Program

by Mike Deneen

Lakewood High School chose local resident Maggie Szczepaniak to become the new head coach of its varsity volleyball program this offseason. Despite 13 years of coaching experience, this is Coach Maggie's first high school level coaching position. Her previous experience has been at schools such as St. Christopher, Lakewood Catholic Academy, and Garfield Middle School. This background has made her very familiar with many of the girls on the current

Ranger roster.

Despite her inexperience at this level, Maggie is optimistic about her first season. "I have a lot of talent on the team this year," she says. She cites players such as setter Hannah Marek. "You wish you had ten athletes like her," she says of Marek. Two of the roster's five seniors -- Amelia Richardson (Ohio Wesleyan) and Gabby Wine (Ursuline College) have committed to play collegiate volleyball. The addition of basketball player Kristina Kamkutis

will add size to the roster.

Szczepaniak has stressed "passion, perseverance, and persistence" to her squad. If the players can bring those attributes, the team will have a strong season. Maggie's long term goals go beyond the short term wins and losses. She wants to expand the local grade school program to begin in the 4th grade rather than 6th grade (the current structure). Lakewood's rival schools have programs that begin in 4th grade, giving their players a two-year head start on the Rangers. By addressing this situation, the varsity program will be improved in the longer term.

The Rangers season opens on August 20th at noon against nearby rival St. Joseph Academy. All of the Rangers home matches this season will take place at Harding Middle School. This will be the final Ranger season at Harding, since Lakewood High School construction is on schedule to be complete in time for the 2017-18 season.

Soccer Season To Start With A Bang: "Holy War On The Pitch"

by Mike Deneen

The local high school soccer season will launch on Friday, August 19 at 8pm at St. Edward High School. The Eagles will take on St. Ignatius, back-to-back defending state champs and one of the top five teams in the nation. As with any sport, the "Holy War" will bring out the best in both squads. "No matter when you play Iggy's it is a big game even if it was in hacky-sack or corn hole," says St. Edward Head Coach James Duffy, "it is a big game filled with emotion and pride."

St. Edward scheduled the game early to build excitement for the school and the program among the soccer community. The early date also creates greater visibility with the general public, since "American football" season will not have started yet. In a nod to the American game, the match will feature a "Friday Night Lights" theme, and a large crowd is expected.

This match marks the start of a difficult schedule for the Eagles. They will play out-of-state pow-

ers Lexington Catholic (Kentucky) and Brother Rice (Michigan). They also face challenges from top local teams like Lakewood, Solon, Aurora, Olmsted Falls, CVCA, and Revere. The Lakewood game, which takes place on October 3rd at First Federal Lakewood Stadium, is a chance to avenge last year's OHSAA tournament loss to the Rangers.

Duffy believes his team is coming off its best offseason team camp in his 13 years at St. Edward. Senior Goalkeeper Alex Dudley Senior, who brings leadership and experience to the club, recently competed very well in the US Youth National Tournament. Other key players are co-captain Tommy Paltani a junior midfielder, along with sophomores Brenden Swann, Dylan Wright, Noah Elbana. Other top level players include defender Anthony Nouman and Junior Patrick Gray. "Our team is a compilation of age and experience," says Duffy. "We look to play at a higher tempo and play some entertaining futbol."

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Faith Lutheran Launches Lakewood Abbey

by Lisa Hofmann

Churches have long hosted groups outside of their respective faith communities. Scout troops, Alcoholic Anonymous chapters, preschools, and others have commonly used church space for meeting. As mainline Protestant denominations continue to experience decline, different congregations are even sharing church space.

Faith Lutheran Church in Lakewood is taking the space-sharing concept even further, aiming to become a hub for our community.

"We're a small church now, and it's a large building," says Pastor Mark Rollenhagen. "And we feel called to care for the community."

When the church was dedicated in 1932, nearly 500 baptized members comprised the congregation. Now around 60 people typically attend church service there—or at Our Savior's Lutheran in Rocky River, where Rollenhagen also serves as pastor. Together, Faith and Our Savior's collaborate as Good Soil Lutheran Ministries.

Already, Prodigal Church, a non-denominational congregation, also calls the Faith Lutheran building home. Parkview Playschool, a cooperative preschool, operates in the church's education wing. During the school year, Faith volunteers staff a popular



Photo by: Faith Lutheran

A mid-century styled co-working space available at Faith Lutheran.

Wednesday afternoon arts camp for elementary students. The church also hosts a monthly free meal for people in need, as well as a monthly free "kids' clothing closet."

Still, there was more potential for Faith to be "an asset to the community—a further extension of the focus we have of caring for our neighbors," explains Rollenhagen.

At an Evangelical Lutheran

Church in America (ELCA) Developer Conference, Rollenhagen visited Portland Abbey in Oregon. He also toured Tabor Space, which includes a coffeehouse, sanctuary, and office spaces for non-profit organizations. He learned that St. Lydia's Church in Brooklyn, NY developed co-working space in its building.

Assessing the church's possibilities, Rollenhagen noted sturdy,

mid-century desks and chairs, leftover from Lakewood Public Schools' temporary residence in the church, when Hayes Elementary was being renovated a few years ago. Offering co-working community space in Faith seemed like a viable option, especially in a young, vibrant place like Lakewood.

Thus, Lakewood Abbey was born. Envisioned as an alternative for freelancers seeking co-working space and for organizations looking for office, meeting or performance space. There are various options, including the large co-work space (with the aforementioned vintage desks and chairs), meeting rooms, and private offices. Co-work space begins at \$50 a month—a very competitive rate.

"We'd like to see the community benefit from our being here," says Rollenhagen. To find out more about Lakewood Abbey and its options, visit lakewoodabbey.org or email Rollenhagen at goodsoilpastor@gmail.com. Faith Lutheran Church and Lakewood Abbey are located at 16511 Hilliard Road, across from Harding Middle School.

LEAF Pay It Forward Tuesday At Jammy Buggars

by Heather Ramsey

On August 23rd from 11:30 a.m. through midnight, Jammy Buggars will give 15% of every sale (bar, food, take-out, gift cards, t-shirts...) to LEAF (Lakewood Earth And Food) Community if you mention us to your server!

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markets, monthly educational events, offer educational grants to teachers, and a variety of other local-food-related projects.

A Lot To Enjoy At Romanian Festival This Weekend

by Betty Catana

Only a few days remain before the delicious Romanian foods are ready to be enjoyed by those attending the annual St. Mary Romanian Festival in the Kamms Corners/Westpark neighborhood. Who can resist the stuffed cabbage known as "sarmale?" 5,000 of them to be exact.... Romanian "mighty burgers" called mititei will be ready hot off the grill to be enjoyed with the world-famous Romanian beers and

wines. Also on the menu are the traditional chicken paprikash and hit of the show called "mamaliga cu branza," which is polenta baked with sour cream and cheese. Nowhere else in town will you find a bigger and more varied selection of home-baked pastries and our now-famous elephant ears.

All foods and drinks may be enjoyed indoors, outdoors in the tents, or in the outside garden, from where you can listen to the live music and see live dancing all weekend. The professional Doina Dance Troupe of Canton will perform as well as the young contingent of the cathedral's folk dancers.

The cathedral and unique ethnic museum will be open for tours, and there will be a specially-designated area for children to enjoy games. Entrance and parking, as always, are free of charge.

Take a few hours this weekend to enjoy the foods, drinks, and music of this truly unique country! Festival hours are Friday, August 19, from 4:30-11 p.m., Saturday, August 20, from 2-11 p.m., and Sunday, August 21, from noon-10 p.m.

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Correction: Craig Bell's "America Now" Has Three Chords:

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 30

Archie & The Bunkers - Mystery Lover - self-released - 6 songs - 12"

Archie & The Bunkers return with this European tour special edition 6-song 45 RPM limited 12-inch EP. They've matured their sound, though kept it simple (still just organ and drums). I particularly liked "The Thin Man," both in music and vocal delivery, which came across a little bit like the theme music of a slightly-deranged carnival barker. The boys go way back with their redoing of "Mexican Garage," which I believe was on their first demo (anybody got a copy of that demo, by the way? I'd like one). "Sunglasses After Dark" really shows off how Cramps-influenced they are by being a Cramps cover, though Cullen's vocals hit Mark Mothersbaugh territory just about equal with Lux Interior. Gotta keep those Akron bands straight! And hey, speaking of Cullen's vocals, I like that he sings half the songs here (that's three of them). His more throaty delivery, where it sounds like he's straining a bit more to hit some notes is a good counterpoint to Emmett's Jim Morrisonisms. I also find myself really liking both the originals he takes the lead on, "The Moon & Sixpence" and the very very Cramps-esque title track (not the most Cramps-ish song on the record, though, as I've already pointed out). Altogether, I like this record better than their LP from last year. Plus, to me, it sounds like they've improved a lot musically.. Not that they were at all bad before, but ya know. Anyway, if you're hip to A&TB, you'll dig this, and if you're not hip to 'em, this record is a good place to start. 4.0/5.

(archieandthebunkers.com/store)

Rubella - Survivor's Guilt - self-released - 10 songs - CD

The "catalog number" in the liner notes to this is listed as r56. Does this mean that this is the 56th

Tri-C Westshore Campus Now Offers Physical Education And Dance Classes For Credit

by John Horton

Beginning with the upcoming fall semester, the Westshore Campus of Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) will offer physical education and dance classes for college credit.

Courses will be offered in yoga; yoga and pilates; and dance fundamentals. Classes will be held at two Tri-C sites in Westlake — Corporate College® West and the Health Careers & Sciences building at Westshore Campus.

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Album art from this issue's review.

Rubella release? I don't have a clue. This CD overall brings elements of industrial, punk, post-punk, goth, and some other stuff together in an odd and very synth-heavy mish-mash. My favorites here were the very industrial opener "Russian Thistle," its following track "Black Water," which has a similar style but a more punk feel, the somewhat post-punk but not really "Ruby Ring," and the murder ballad "Piano Wire." Overall, there are some pretty interesting concepts here musically (and it's got an overall motif of "life in general is suffering"), but it reuses a lot of "tricks," so to speak, which make it a bit repetitive. There's some good stuff here, but you have to weigh whether it's worth listening to the whole thing to get it. 3.5/5

(<http://rubella.bandcamp.com/album/survivors-guilt>)

Turquoise Feeling - Turquoise Feeling - Heel Turn Records - 8 songs - 12"

I wasn't sure what to expect with this one, considering the cover resembles both a mural I saw on the side of

by Buzz Kompier

a building in Collinwood and a vacuum cleaner ad from 1982. According to the press release (I'm not sure if this comes standard or it's an industry thing) I have here, the band features members of Columbus notables such as Day Creeper and Night Of Pleasure. The album is eight tracks worth of catchy garage punk. A lot of these songs struck me as sounding quite a lot like Jay Reatard, particularly "Post Partum," "Dreadful Things Done By Girls," and "Ovis." It's hard to pick favorites here, as it kinda seems like

one of those records you should listen to all the way through, but I did particularly like "Feverfew," "January Sisters In Drag," and "External Oblique." My one issue here would be that the vocals are a little buried in the mix, so it's hard to understand what he's singing (and I'd quite like to know, given some of these song titles). If this was not the case, or if this were to include a lyric sheet (was the gibberish on the back cover supposed to be lyrics?), that would've been cool. Oh well. The press release says this is "the answer to 'what caught you by surprise in 2016?'" I'm not so sure about that, but it's still pretty good. 4.0/5

(heelturnrecords.com)

Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@gmail.com or send it directly to Observer headquarters: The Lakewood Observer, c/o Buzz Kompier, 14900 Detroit Avenue, Suite 205, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Sean Flynn Lays It Out In The Latest GQ Magazine

by Debra O'Bryan

In the current issue of GQ Magazine, correspondent Sean Flynn, who grew up in the heart of Lakewood on Winton Avenue has written an in depth article entitled "The Tamir Rice Story: How to Make a Police Shooting Disappear." The article delves into how prosecutor Timothy J. McGinty presented the case to the Grand Jury along with witness accounts. This is a troubling, disturbing read that evokes emotions; Sean writes about the process and how unusual this particular case was, as it unfolded with props and theater tactics. Sean is the the son of proud parents Mike and Pat Flynn. Mike stated, "Sean just had to write this article, he wanted the world to know." Regardless of



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Tom Hanks Back Home In Lakewood

by Holly Fulger

In 1977, I was an intern at The Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival in Lakewood, Ohio (my hometown). I was 20 years old. I had been at college (Hiram College), but quit school to work at the festival and pursue my dream of becoming an actress. For that summer, I was part of that company of actors. I had one line in "Taming of the Shrew" and assisted with props on that show, and I ran sound for "Hamlet" (big mistake for that production). It was, however, an amazing time.

As a company of actors, we have stayed (somewhat) in touch, as Facebook has allowed us to do, and we all share the (absolutely extraordinary) fact that Tom Hanks was an intern with us in 1977; a thread that, over the years, has allowed each and everyone of us to say, 'Well...I've worked with Tom Hanks.' He has been our touchstone.

This past January we found ourselves quite shaken by the passing of the leading lady of the company, the beloved Bairbre Dowling. Inspired by the depth of emotion this elicited, and the unspoken acknowledgement that time was fleeting, it was suggested that



Tom Hanks takes a break from dinner to pose with the entire crew at Angelo's Pizza.

we have a reunion.

Early in July of 2016, we had that reunion, 39 years later. We have all gone our separate ways, but when we came together, we were that company again...becoming our younger selves, full of hope and dreams.

And it was quite a reunion, put together by fellow interns, Mary Beidler Gearen, and, of course, Tom Hanks. We were together from Friday night to Sunday afternoon, visiting old hang-outs – Lakewood

where the GLSF offices were, Tom's house where he stayed on Parkwood Ave., in Lakewood, and of course, Angelo's Pizza.

I was incredibly moved by this hot July weekend. We all came together back then with a mutual desire to be artists. We came back together during that weekend to again experience that bond that was created.

Sometimes in Hollywood, it's easy to get caught up in comparisons. Actually, I believe that's kind of a universal issue; who is prettier, who works more, who has a better car, a better career, and on and on. But that weekend we were 'just us.' It was not about fame or riches, it was about love, which to me was profoundly beautiful - and what life (and art) are all about.

Civic Auditorium at Lakewood High School, The Tick Tock Tavern, The Hanna Theatre, the Firehouse

Sibling Revelry Brewing Named Title Sponsor For Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival

by Matt Bixenstine

LakewoodAlive announces Sibling Revelry Brewing as the Title Sponsor for the 4th Annual Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival. The emerging family-owned production brewery based in Westlake will take center stage when the taps are opened on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 5-10 p.m. within a two-story, open-air parking deck at 14701 Detroit Avenue in the heart of Downtown Lakewood.

The festival represents a fundraiser for LakewoodAlive and the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, a program of LakewoodAlive, aiding in the continued revitalization of Downtown Lakewood. Serving as a popular tradition to close the summer season, the Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival has sold out in each of the last three years, drawing 2,000 attendees annually to sample from a wide selection of 150+ craft beers and wines.

Sibling Revelry Brewing has enjoyed remarkable growth and widespread popularity throughout the region since opening its doors at 29305 Clemens Road in Westlake six months ago. The brainchild of four entrepreneurial relatives – brothers Sean and Matt Kennedy and their cousins Mike and Todd Kennedy, also brothers – Sibling Revelry Brewing features a sophisticated taproom and full-production facility in a newly-renovated space. The brewer's diverse offerings range from year-round craft beers and seasonal varieties to limited releases and taproom exclusives.

"We at LakewoodAlive could not be more excited to have an outstanding local, family-owned brewer like Sibling Revelry Brewing serve as Title Sponsor for the Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival," said Ian Andrews, Executive

Director at LakewoodAlive. "When hosting a festival to celebrate craft beer and wine, we can't imagine a more fitting partner to share brewing passion and expertise with the Lakewood community."

Tickets for the Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival Presented by Sibling Revelry Brewing can be purchased online at www.WineandCraftBeerFestival.com or at Rozi's Wine House (14900 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood). Guests will receive a commemorative tasting glass, 15 sample tickets and access to The University of Akron Lakewood Wine & Beer School. Food will be available for purchase from 10 of Lakewood's best restaurants and live music will be heard from the First Federal Lakewood Stage throughout the event.

General Admission tickets will be available for \$40 in advance and \$50 at the gate, though this festival is expected to sell out. Designated Driver tickets are available for \$10 (pre-sale only). A limited number of VIP tickets are available for purchase online for \$65. This exclusive opportunity entitles guests to early entrance at 4 p.m., access to a selection of premier wine and beer offerings, an assortment of complimentary food, admittance into the VIP tent and more.

The Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival Presented by Sibling Revelry Brewing is held behind the INA Building at 14701 Detroit Avenue in Downtown Lakewood. Visit www.WineandCraftBeerFestival.com to learn more.

Matt Bixenstine is the Marketing & Development Manager for LakewoodAlive. He enjoys all things Lakewood, especially walking his basset hound through Madison Park.

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Election 2016

Hillary Campaign Office Opening With The Honorable Tom Perez

by Debra Sweeney

Thursday, August 11th will be remembered for the summer storm that rolled into Lakewood and the energizing visit from Secretary Tom Perez. The Honorable Perez toured Clinton offices as a friend of the campaign. Over 200 supporters, including many children, braved the heavy downpour to have an opportunity to tour the office, meet the field organizers and renew campaign friendships with volunteers from the Primary election.

The General Election office is located at 14600 Detroit Ave. and is open seven days a week from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. A friendly Field Organizer will be happy to discuss with you all the volunteer opportunities which include: donating water and food, data entry, phone banking, canvassing for voter registration and volunteers. A



Secretary Tom Perez was the honored guest speaker at the Lakewood Hillary for the General Election office grand opening.

new campaign group of young moms with tots will work on campaign activities with their children.

Opening remarks were given by Mayor Summer, Ohio Senator Michael Skindell, State Representative Nickie

Antonio, and former City Councilwoman Monique Smith who spoke about her passion for volunteering. Field organizers and campaign fellows shared their interest in the campaign. City Council members, Cindy Marx and Dan O'Malley were also in attendance.

To volunteer: visit the office and speak with a Field Organizer or e-mail Marika Lee mlee@ohvictory2016.org.



Ward 4 City Councilman Dan O'Malley (left) and teacher Gabrielle Jackson.



Clockwise from top: State Representative Nickie Antonio (left) looks on as former Lakewood City Councilwoman At-Large Monique Smith (right) speaks passionately about her enthusiasm for Hillary and the importance of getting involved in her campaign.

A view of the crowd that gathered for the grand opening and to sign up to volunteer for the campaign.

State Senator Michael Skindell addresses those in attendance.

Eagles Three-Peat Bid Includes ESPN, Browns Stadium Games

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case in high school scrimmages. However, the St. Edward offensive line was big and strong, and should open some nice running holes this season.

Last week St. Ignatius announced that this year's "Holy War" game will be moved from Parma's Byers Field to First Energy Stadium in downtown Cleveland. Ignatius, which is the home team for this game, wanted to give more fans the chance to see annually sold-out game. The game is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 29th. Tickets are available online for \$10.

Lakewood Recreation Department's Labor Day Weekend Co-Ed Kickball Tournament

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To register, please contact Rick Wallenhorst, richardwallenhorst@lakewoodcityschools.org, by Aug 22, 2016.



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Forum

Lakewood Insiders Rebrand As “Lakewood Voters For Progress” Ahead Of Hospital Referendum

by Bill Mager

Lakewood insiders who orchestrated the closure of Lakewood Hospital, boldly handing over its \$150M in assets to politicians and private corporatists for pennies on the dollar, have resurfaced as “Lakewood Voters for Progress” ahead of the November 8 referendum. Formerly known as the discredited dark money group “Build Lakewood,” this new group is comprised of many of the same City of Lakewood politicians and Lakewood Hospital Association trustees that opponents say acted in violation of their fiduciary responsibilities to the hospital and its citizen-owners.

Key players in this new dark-money PAC include Mayor Mike Summers himself, current and ex-City Council Members, current and ex-city employees like conflicted Law Director Kevin Butler, and city favorites like David Stein, Jay Foran, Rick Uldricks, Tom Gable, and Ken Haber. Other members of this new dark money “LVP” group include captive Cleveland Clinic doctors and employees, captive current and former City of Lakewood employees, controversial Lakewood Board of Education member Linda Beebe, and many more.

This is the same group of people that has perpetrated the multi-year fraud that is the closing of Lakewood Hospital by removing hospital services, declaring financial failure that was driven by the removal of those services, and agreeing to huge \$25M annual administrative fees to the Cleveland Clinic that drained cashflow year-over-year-over-year (and which said administrative fees don't exist at near that magnitude elsewhere in the Clinic's NE Ohio network). This group of City of Lakewood and Lakewood Hospital Association trustees, chartered to ethically manage, protect, and grow the future of the successful Lakewood Hospital, rigged the bidding process in favor of the Cleveland Clinic, denied other viable bidders, paid consultants to provide false testimony as to the viability of the hospital, and spent hos-

pital \$\$ on the political campaign to destroy the hospital. Repeat - the fiduciaries of Lakewood Hospital, along with “Build Lakewood” – now “Lakewood Voters for Progress,” removed hospital services, rigged the bidding process, and spent hospital monies on the political campaign to destroy the hospital they were entrusted to serve.

The efforts of these insiders from the City of Lakewood and Cleveland Clinic led to their hastily rammed decision to close the hospital, and thence the giveaway of the assets of Lakewood Hospital for less than 20 cents on the dollar to the Cleveland Clinic. All manner of healthcare equipment, very valuable bed licenses, and even artwork (seriously!) was transferred to other

Cleveland Clinic locations in a fast-paced scheme in their attempt to deny the success of the upcoming November 8 referendum.

The dark money group “Lakewood Voters for Progress” has announced a “Kickoff Event” fundraiser to be held at Rozi's Wine House on August 24. This is your chance to rub shoulders with the very people who acted in concert to destroy Lakewood Hospital.

Visit the “Lakewood Voters for Progress” Facebook Page to see the insiders who would take away the healthcare future of Lakewood for their own opaque, greedy scheme.

Alternatively, it might be a good opportunity to picket and protest their “Kickoff Event,” followed by your own

get together enjoyed with true friends of Lakewood healthcare, of Lakewood Hospital, and of the City of Lakewood.

About the November 8 referendum: Lakewood voters have the opportunity to **VOTE NO to stop the giveaway** of the well-financed Lakewood Hospital to politicians and corporate interests. Your **VOTE NO** will serve to return the lost monies/assets to the City of Lakewood so that we may chart a true, new healthcare future. The dark money force now renamed “Lakewood Voters for Progress” would have you **VOTE YES** to finally destroy Lakewood Hospital - to approve the fraud that is the giveaway of Lakewood Hospital. **The best future for Lakewood is your VOTE NO.**

Letter To The Editor

Support For Beebe's Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing in full support of Linda Beebe's recent letter in which she expressed full support for the Lakewood City Council vote which preserves dozens of medical services in the heart of Lakewood's downtown by eliminating the current 108-year-old building and replacing it with a state-of-the-art family health center. Without that change, Lakewood residents would be left with nothing: no

medical services, no money for community health, and a costly, empty building in our downtown.

There is no downside to this plan. As a registered nurse, I see the way health care has been trending from an inpatient model toward an outpatient model. This plan will meet the health care needs of Lakewood residents under the leadership and clinically excellent standards of the Cleveland Clinic.

Voters should understand: the

hospital already closed this February and the referendum can't reopen it. All northeast Ohio health systems have said they will not run an inpatient hospital in Lakewood.

I urge Lakewood voters to vote For upholding Lakewood City Council's ordinance to preserve dozens of medical services in the heart of Lakewood for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Lisa Carrigan Tomm

Likely Hospital Sentiments From The Outer Ring

by Bonnie Sikes

Imagine, if you will, a thank you note from the residents of Lorain County who will soon have a new in-patient hospital in Avon.

Dear Residents of Lakewood:

We want to thank your Mayor for understanding the concept of the “new marketplace” for healthcare here in Lorain County. At a recent “Listening to Lakewood” session, your Mayor Summers stated that back in 2010, University Hospitals spent \$100 million upgrading nearby St. John's Hospital in

Westlake. Soon thereafter, UH merged with Elyria Medical Systems creating many in-patient hospital beds for the UH system. Never to be outdone, the Cleveland Clinic, ever in search of increasing market share in affluent suburbs with high percentages of privately insured, found itself needing in-patient beds for their customers in Lorain County.

We want to thank the 2015 Lakewood City Council who, enthralled by the farsseeing forward-thinking gaze of Mayor Summers, obediently

and unquestioningly fell into lockstep with his vision of healthcare not just in Lakewood, but in adjacent cities and counties as well. Our gleaming new state of the art hospital will open soon. We are especially grateful for the sense of security this brings, knowing that in situations where close counts, time is on our side. Your sacrifice of the convenience and well-being of Lakewood residents is our gain!

We find it hard to believe our good fortune in landing a full-service acute care hospital with an attached emergency room while you are currently left with an empty hospital building. We are also enjoying the many retail establishments that are popping up nearby and anticipate hundreds of new jobs that will contribute to our income tax base.

In all seriousness, many of us here in Avon and Avon Lake are simply stumped in trying to figure out how your mayor gave away such an important economic asset for a city on the rise.

Feeling a little guilty, we hope that on November 8 you will vote AGAINST the ordinance that closed your hospital. We think both communities can support their own hospital services. You DO deserve a better deal!

Sincerely,

Grateful residents of Lorain County

City Council Initiative Stifles Transparency

by Trudy Hutchinson

At its July 18 meeting, Lakewood City Council received and filed a communication from at-large Council Member Tom Bullock that requested the Administration to provide an exact enumeration of all direct costs involved with the taxpayer lawsuit *Ed Graham et al v City of Lakewood et al*. The request also includes indirect costs incurred when the city fills public records requests associated with the lawsuit.

In comments following the reading of the letter from Council Member Bullock, Ward 1 Council Member David Anderson noted the value of

accounting for legal expenses and projecting further expenses into the next budget year. Anticipation of future expenses is a routine duty performed by the Administration with Council oversight.

However, Ward 4 Council Member Dan O'Malley identified another motive for the request and sought clarification of Council Member Bullock's intent to have the “Administration state whether the city can pursue a legal avenue in the lawsuit that could compensate Lakewood taxpayers, in whole or in part, for the costs of this lawsuit.” In response, Council Member Bullock stated that he was asking

the Administration if there is a legal avenue to seek compensation from the plaintiffs for the costs associated with the lawsuit.

No council member spoke about the value of transparency in government, however Tom Monahan (a member of the public and not a plaintiff in the lawsuit) called the request “an attempt at intimidation.”

All citizens, as individuals or collectively, have a right to seek information from federal, state and local governments that have been duly elected to represent them. These rights are contained in open meetings laws, **continued on next page**

Forum

Donald Trump's Campaign

by Matthew Starkey

The discussion of Donald Trump should begin with the large irony surrounding his campaign thus far in that he is the exact embodiment of the idea of the corrupt insider politician that he claims to be running against. He says whatever he needs to say, masking it as if he is speaking his mind. He ignores large segments of the country in favor of his own self-interests and those who align tangentially with his own self-interests. He is at his very core, a dishonest individual, which we have seen repeatedly in his business dealings and his short time in political life.

It is important to note that his recent foray into politics began back in 2008 when he led the campaign to suggest that President Obama was not a legally born citizen of the United States – the so-called “birther movement.”

This movement had many of the same racial undertones that have been seen in his current campaign for President. He recognized, as many with rural-white relatives and friends, that there has been an underlying racial animus from the rural-white community since the election of President Obama. This has been seen in the election results from the 2008 and 2012 elections along with many public comments and gaffes from various local, state, and federal officials in the last seven-plus years of the Obama Presidency. This is obviously not the only contributor, but it is a factor.

Another shrewd observation from Trump has been that the same political correctness in the media that he decries on a daily basis is protecting his candidacy.

In the same way that it is politically incorrect to suggest things about African-Americans, Latinos, women, and others, it is politically incorrect to suggest that a subset of rural-white males are racist or vote with racist tendencies. In a Presidential election, especially leading to a black President or following a black President, these tendencies come to the forefront. As someone who was born, raised and lived in rural Appalachia for most of my life and as someone who has many friends who are not college educated, I have a first-hand experience in this.

It is not an easy topic to explore, but from my experiential observations, it is apparent to me that race has played and continues to play a larger role in the Presidential elections than much of the media tends to realize. Donald Trump understands this. I honestly believe that he got into the race not expecting to receive the support he has and when he did receive the support, he saw where it was coming from, and it validated his thinking.

Beyond the racial component there is the simple factor of his business history and the way in which he has made his fortune. As a developer, Donald Trump has had many successes in building large, luxury hotels and office buildings. Additionally, he has had varied success in the casino industry, but these successes were predicated by a multi-decade campaign to build himself

and his name into a brand. The Trump brand has famously been on products from steaks to airlines and all of them, including his TV show, “The Apprentice,” center around him. I hesitate to use the word egomaniac, but if you can't use it to describe Donald Trump, then it doesn't serve much of a purpose.

This is not an individual that can successfully function as President of the United States.

I value someone's ability to make money, but as a political scientist, I also recognize its limits in governance. A businessman seeks to turn a profit, either for his own profit or that of his shareholders. A politician, especially the President of the United States, is a caretaker of the public good which is always fluid and subject to change. Additionally, it is determined by many individuals and organizations, not the President. Donald Trump has very few characteristics to suggest that he would be able to bring the different sides to the table and concoct a solution. In fact, he often brags about bringing people over to his side of the table when he boasts about his negotiating prowess. This is not the role of a successful American President, though the imagery plays well in the primary season.

So far, I have not even mentioned policy because of the difficulty in doing so. Trump has suggested so many things and retracted so many statements, that it is difficult to determine which he is actually sincere about – a detriment in and of itself. I suppose the one to begin with is his most oft-repeated and the one that began his rise, a promise to build a wall between the U.S. and Mexico. The proposal has been beaten to death by reporting, but the fact that a Republican candidate for the U.S. presidency in 2016 even made the suggestion is as laughable as it is depressing.

In the aftermath of the 2012 election and Mitt Romney losing to President Obama, the Growth and Opportunity Project, a diagnosis of the Republican Party put together by the RNC, was pretty clear in stating that outreach to Hispanic voters, a bloc lost after the George W. Bush years, would be tantamount to the Republicans taking back the White House.

It is telling that the Hispanic section of the report begins, “If Hispanics hear that the GOP doesn't want them in the United States, they won't pay attention to the next sentence.” It's a simple enough statement that makes it all the more confusing that establishment Republicans are trying to coalesce behind Trump.

Another policy proposal that Trump seems to advocate (although it tends to change here and there) is disengagement of the U.S. from its global role as a superpower. He has questioned our role in NATO and our commitment to our traditional allies – a criticism lobbed at President Obama regularly from Republicans. On the other side of the coin, he has suggested more robust military engagement, including the use of nuclear weapons, in the Middle East.

To me, it appears that he is combin-

ing an apparent lack of understanding of complex foreign policy machinations with the attitude of a blowhard dictator.

It is a long held maxim that an easy way for a leader to stay in power is to promote a conflict abroad. It is the same ‘us versus them’ attitude that is seen in many failed states from Eastern Europe to the Middle East to Southeast Asia. It is also one of the reasons that many in the traditional foreign policy community have refused to work for a possible Trump administration.

Frankly, we are better than that in this country.

Donald Trump has combined his decades of name brand recognition-building with an undercurrent of disaffection from a small subset of the country to obtain the nomination for President from the Republican Party.

I do not see any possibility of him beating Hillary Clinton in November, and barring any major misstep from

the Democrats, this should be one of the most lopsided victories that we have seen in a Presidential race. We will be better off for it.

Trump lacks the temperament and vision to be President. In the process of his campaign – about a year in public life – he has burned more bridges internationally and domestically than he could possibly hope to repair during even a two-term presidency. Not only this, but his election would signal to the World – both enemies and allies – that the United States might not be fit for international leadership. The work of previous presidents could be undone in a single election and the work of future presidents would be made more difficult in the process.

We should all think clearly about what a vote for Donald Trump in November would look like.

Matt Starkey is a Lakewood resident and works as a research project coordinator at Cleveland State University's Levin College of Urban Affairs.

City Council Initiative Stifles Transparency

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public records requirements and ultimately taxpayer lawsuits in courts of law. Governments are not empowered to retaliate against citizens who exercise these rights. Moreover, when government activity is scrutinized by one citizen or a group of citizens, it is the role of government to uphold the value of transparency in government

even while defending its actions.

Council Member Bullock's attempt to threaten the plaintiffs with financial redress and the indifference of the other members of council cross a line that defines the role of a public servant.

Trudy Hutchinson is a Lakewood resident interested in community activism.

CCF Appoints James Hekman Medical Director Of Lakewood Campus

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Health Center. He and his team are also providing care in Lakewood four days a week and plan to expand to full-time coverage once the new Lakewood Family Health Center opens in 2018.

“I look forward to building world class care in the years to come for all of the citizens of Lakewood,” said Dr. Hekman.

Josh Miller, D.O., vice president for Cleveland Clinic's Regional Family Health Center Operations, said, “Dr. Hekman brings with him the energy

and enthusiasm needed to lead the new Lakewood campus. We are excited about his vision for enhancing the care that we offer to our patients and to the community.”

Dr. Hekman was appointed as a clinical assistant professor with the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine in 2014. He completed medical school at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. His residency was completed at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital (Kaiser Permanente) California.



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Forum

Yo, Bernie-Or-Bust Bro's, Can We Please Get Real?

by Mark Moran

With an exercise of imagination and a determined effort to ignore a lot nonsense that has issued from the Republican nominee's mouth, I can understand, sort of, the appeal of Donald Trump. Much more easily can I imagine the appeal of Bernie Sanders, who has single-handedly revived an authentic left-progressivism not seen in the United States for decades. And I can quite easily understand the mistrust with which Hillary Clinton is regarded by many, including people who intend to vote for her.

Here is what I cannot understand at all: those Bernie Sanders fans who have decided that since they can't have their hero—right here, right now—they won't have anything to do with the coming election at all. They are, I know, a minority (the great majority of Sanders supporters are lining up behind Hillary) but a not insignificant number have declared here and there a willingness to sit it out. Others are determined to vote for some other third candidate or write-in; in any other year, against any other Republican candidate, that might be an honorable option. A few (most irrationally, but perhaps, channeling Susan Sarandon, thinking it would be fun and righteous to blow the whole system sky-high) have even declared they will

vote for Donald Trump. All of these consider the electoral system—which did not satisfy their demand for Sanders, right here, right now—too corrupt to take seriously.

This is addressed to you.

Your politically immature petulance might not matter at all except that the election is close and the stakes are enormous, so when it comes to November 8 it is (as Cavs fans say) all in. Mr. Trump is doing pretty well without your help, thanks a lot. He polls consistently at 40 percent plus, with a margin for error and enough undeclared voters that he might very well win. At least four in ten Americans are prepared to vote for Donald Trump. If that's true, and if it is also true—as it certainly must be—that his support among African Americans, women and Latino voters is lower than 4 in 10, then it stands to reason that Trump's support among white men is much, much higher. One can guesstimate that among white men under age 45, five to six out of 10 are voting for him; among white men over the age 45, the figure is probably 6 to 8 in 10.

So as many as 8 out of 10 white men in my age group are voting for a man who would deport 11 million individuals (an effort that George Will has pointed out would require us to become a police state); who tarred an entire

class of people as murderers and rapists; who would bring back torture and waterboarding; who has advocated barring immigration to our country based on religion; a man with zero political experience who has issued statements about foreign policy that have alarmed our closest allies, and about economics and trade that experts across the political spectrum regard as nonsense; a man who used the occasion of the mass shooting in Orlando to congratulate himself; a man who has claimed that there is no drought in California; a man who has never donned a uniform but mocked the heroism of John McCain because, he said, he "prefers people who don't get captured."

Eight in ten white men my age are voting for a man who operated a "University" that bilked sometimes desperate people of tens of thousands of dollars; a man who used the occasion of a primary victory to hawk his vodka, steaks and other products on television; Eight in ten white men my age are voting for a candidate who publicly ridiculed an individual with a disability.

Where this vote is not an outright endorsement of racism and fascist nationalism, it partakes of various kinds of irrationality or foolishness. Some of these voters are blinded by a hatred of Hillary Clinton so poisonous it borders on the delusional. Others are bewitched by the idea that a "businessman" would "get things done" that a politician with actual political experience would not. Still others are simply dazzled by the spectacle of a candidacy that draws on two of the least attractive aspects of American culture: our love of celebrity, and the notion that wealth—the mere fact of being wealthy—confers on someone wisdom, virtue, the shine and sheen of a winner who wins at all things.

Quite a humiliating indictment of my generation. But what, Bernie-or-bust brothers and sisters, is your excuse?

Mrs. Clinton may be, as you believe, a shill for corporate Wall Street awash in the money that has corrupted our politics. Or she may just be, as I believe, an exceptionally political animal with a highly refined instinct for

the expedient, a strong sense of entitlement, and a come-and-go-as-I-please relationship with the truth. (But please, her opponent is not even on speaking terms. And by the way, that description might apply to almost any politician who can be found anywhere drawing a breath, including your beloved Bernie; I would ask the feminist-minded among you to contemplate: Why does it automatically sound so much worse when it describes a female?). In any case, Mrs. Clinton also has vast experience in domestic and international politics and a record of authentic achievement in advocacy for women, children and families that the rest of us who sit around analyzing and criticizing her can't claim.

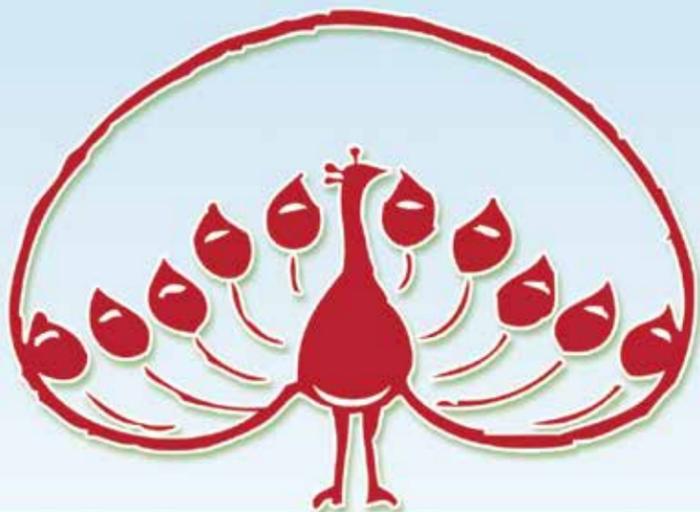
The real heroes of progressive American history never saw their causes as one-off events, and didn't treat politics or political elections as theater for moral posturing. They played the long game, achieving what they did through long years when everyone was against them, or no one cared, tirelessly making their case to the skeptical, coaxing persuadable opponents to their side, and slowly building coalitions of consensus until they turned the tide.

Want to blow open the two-party system—that turgid relic with no foundation in the Constitution—and create a more democratic politics responsive to people rather than money? Swell, your hero has made a great start. But there is no faster way to sink your vision than to allow, by omission or commission, Donald Trump—a vulgar fraud and conman who has assaulted our democracy with a pornographic exhibition of ego, venom, lies and stupidity—to win this election.

He represents every retrograde instinct in American history and culture. Mrs. Clinton, whatever her faults, represents the future. So, my brothers and sisters, drop the pose of lofty disdain for a system which, however deformed, has provided you greater freedom of expression and a better standard of living than the vast majority of people who live on this planet. Get off your rear guard, get registered, and get yourself to a voting booth on November 8. Then cast a vote for the future—*your future*.

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Lakewood Living

Rotary Sends Layettes To New Mothers In Nicaragua

by Lynn Donaldson

On July 25, as an international service project, members of the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River prepared 50 Rotary-branded layette bags filled with products commonly available to new mothers in the United States for expectant mothers in Chinandega, Nicaragua.

In Chinandega, a women's maternity care shelter can house up to 40 pregnant women who are about to give birth. The local hospital will not admit a woman unless she is expected to deliver within eight hours. She must then leave the hospital the following day. Many poor women from outlying villages travel to Chinandega to deliver and stay at the shelter until they go into labor. If necessary, they can return there after they deliver. The shelter serves over 1,600 women per year and many of the mothers, as young as 12, have nothing to give their child a start in life.

The layettes contain items that will help these mothers and their babies survive the birth and first crucial days



Members of the Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River fill layette bags with items for new mothers in Chinandega, Nicaragua.

afterward in a safe, clean place. Items that will be included in the bags are cloth diapers, newborn tee shirts, bath, hand and wash cloths, baby shampoo and soap, diaper rash ointment, cotton balls, receiving blankets, baby nail clippers, small manicure set, comb/brush set for the mother and more.

Rotary clubs throughout the U.S.

participate in the layette project. This year, Rotary clubs will prepare and send over 500 layettes to Chinandega.

Clubs will also assemble shoe boxes for the Children of the Dump in Chinandega. Filled with toiletries, an outfit of clothes, school supplies, and items like games or toys depending on the child's age, the shoe boxes serve as

an encouragement to the children to remain in school. In order to receive one of the gift shoe boxes the child must be attending school and earning satisfactory grades. The goal of the project is to break the cycle of poverty through providing food, education and programs to encourage good health.

In 2007, Jack Young, past governor of Rotary District 6630, started the shoe box program in Northeast Ohio in conjunction with districts in Michigan and Iowa. Since then, PDG Young has been responsible for sending 4,500 shoe boxes, layettes, one fire truck, three ambulances, over \$100,000 in firefighting equipment and \$300,000 in medical supplies to the area.

The layette bags and other items are taken from here to Troy, Michigan, where they are packed with items from other Rotary clubs and shipped at no charge by Walmart to Waterloo, Iowa, then on Houston, Texas. The items are then loaded into a shipping container by Rotary friends to the Port of Honduras. Rotarians and others will come across the border from Nicaragua to help get the bags through customs and then transport them to Chinandega.

It takes three to four months to get the items from Ohio to Nicaragua.

Each year, PDG Young and other Rotarians travel to Chinandega to witness and participate in the work being done there.

Tri-C's Women In Transition Program Offers Fall Session At Corporate College In Westlake

by John Horton

The Women in Transition program at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) will launch its fall session at Corporate College West on August 22.

The free program uses education and training to empower women at a life crossroads. Participants build confidence and self-esteem through classes on personal development, career exploration and financial and com-

puter literacy.

The course is designed to assist women in transitional periods of their lives, such as a career change or return to the workforce. The eight-week, non-credit program is free and open to the public.

Classes will be held at Corporate College West from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from August 22 to October 13. Cor-

porate College West is at 25425 Center Ridge Road in Westlake. Registration is required for the program.

To learn more or to enroll, call 216-987-3899.

Women in Transition also runs eight-week sessions at Tri-C's Eastern Campus in Highland Hills, Metropolitan Campus in Cleveland and Western Campus in Parma. For more information, visit www.tri-c.edu/women-in-transition.

Tri-C's Women in Transition program began in 1978 and has contributed to thousands of personal success stories. It typically serves about 250 women a year.

The program operates at two Tri-C locations in Westlake: Corporate College West and the nearby Westshore Campus. The campus serves as the location for various workshops and is home to the Women in Transition office.

Gain Financial Peace

by Teresa Graham

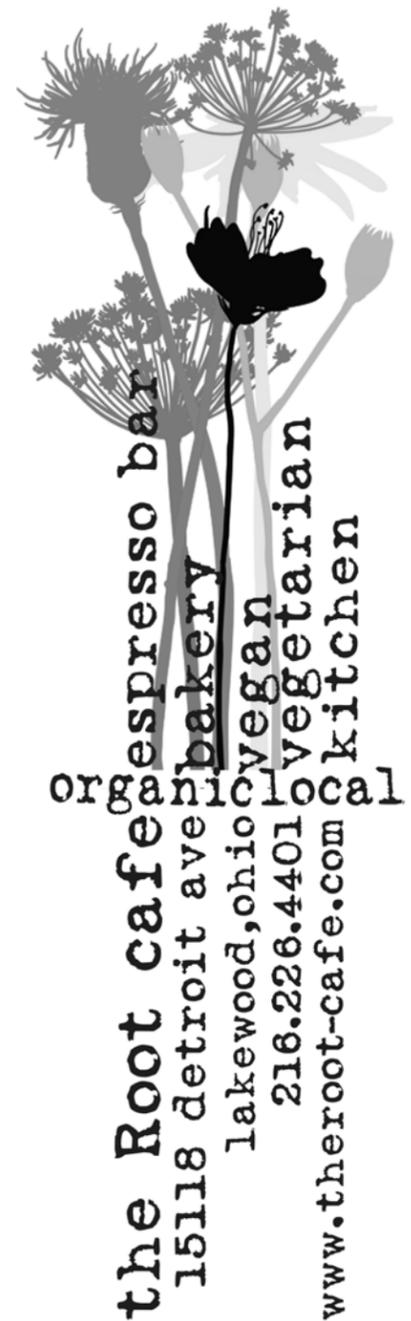
As reported in a May 2016 Atlantic Monthly article 47% of American families would need to borrow or sell something to raise \$400 to cover an emergency financial need. Does this describe your family and/or you, looking to be on firmer financial ground? Then consider enrolling in a 9-week Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) course being offered this fall at Lakewood United Methodist Church.

Dave Ramsey is a radio host and financial author who through his resources and advice has helped families make better financial decisions. The 9-week course outlines seven Baby Steps to create a budget, get out of debt and make a plan for

your money. The online price for the materials are \$109, but due to special pricing the LUMC course with all materials is \$80 per family. The course is appropriate for individuals or couples.

The course begins on Wednesday, September 14th running from 7-9 p.m. for nine weeks at the LUMC at 15700 Detroit Avenue. The course is being coordinated by two graduates of the course. Childcare is available on site.

To register, or if you have questions, you can go onto the Dave-Ramsey.com/FPU website (Classes link at top of home page; then Find a Class) or contact the church office at 216.226.8644. Everyone is welcome to participate.



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Lakewood Living

Get Inspired At The 2016 “Come Home To Lakewood” House And Garden Tour

by Sue Finley

Ready to begin a home renovation project but lack vision and a master plan? Then don't miss the 2016 “Come Home to Lakewood” House and Garden Tour, Sunday, September 11, from 1 to 6pm and discover all the inspiration and idea generation you could possibly need to ignite your creativity.

The eagerly-anticipated tour features eight residences, a stunning perennial garden, one of Lakewood's last remaining carriage houses and the Nicholson House, Lakewood's oldest frame residence. Each structure has a unique story to tell of preservation and restoration. Showcasing Lakewood's diverse housing population, this year's tour presents outstanding examples



Step back in Lakewood history when you tour one of the city's last remaining carriage houses.

of Tudor, Colonial Revival, Arts and Crafts, Queen Anne Victorian, Prairie and Craftsman architectural styles,

each with contemporary upgrades that honor the integrity of the original architectural design.



Above: This lush perennial garden is a House Tour highlight.

At left: Attend the Come Home to Lakewood House Tour Patron Party on Saturday, September 10 to tour this stunning Colonial Revival.

Begin your House Tour weekend at the Patron Party Saturday, September 10, 6-9:00 p.m. The Patron Party house, not on Sunday's tour, is a grand Colonial Revival featuring three gabled dormers. Enjoy food, beverage, entertainment, and the opportunity to bid on a wide variety of silent auction items and enter the Instant Wine Cellar raffle. Patron Party tickets are \$75 and include a ticket for Sunday's tour. They and the \$25 general admission tickets, can be purchased online at lakewoodhistorymuseumstore.com; at the Oldest Stone House, 14710 Lake Avenue by mail or during business hours. Additional locations for general admission tickets are listed below. The tour sells out, so get your tickets before they're gone! For more information, call the Oldest Stone House at 216.221.7343.

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Around Town

Mitchell Sotka, Antiques, 19071 Old Detroit Road, Rocky River

LakewoodAlive Completes Volunteer Projects With Bentley Wealth Management Of Raymond James, H2O, And LNLC

by Matt Bixenstine

Mary Ann Jamieson found herself in a difficult situation. No longer able to keep up with outdoor maintenance for the house she'd occupied for 60 years, the Lakewood resident watched helplessly as the yard at her childhood home became increasingly overgrown. That is, until a group of volunteers came to her rescue.

LakewoodAlive recently partnered with Bentley Wealth Management of Raymond James, a locally-based financial services company, to assist Ms. Jamieson with reclaiming the yard surrounding her Delaware Avenue property. During stifling afternoon hours on August 5, more than a dozen volunteers participated in a project involving trimming, weeding, painting and general cleanup. The result? A yard transformation and beautification success story that left the homeowner brimming with gratitude.

“These volunteers were a god-send for me,” said Ms. Jamieson. “I had become sort of embarrassed by my yard, but they worked so hard and now it looks like a new house.”



LakewoodAlive joined forces with H2O - Help To Others - to assist an elderly resident with a yard cleanup on Delaware Avenue.

For Michael Bentley – Vice President, Investments for Bentley Wealth Management of Raymond James – and his crew of fellow volunteers, the experience proved extremely rewarding, despite the intense heat. While working on enhancing the curb appeal at Ms. Jamieson's home, the group experienced both neighbors and passing motorists who stopped to inquire

about the project and commend them for their tremendous efforts.

“We have a long-standing tradition within our firm to give back to the communities where we live and work,” said Bentley. “For me personally, having been born and raised in Lakewood and continuing to live here today, projects like this are really meaningful.”

In the days before LakewoodAlive helped put a smile on Ms. Jamieson's

face, the community-centered non-profit organization collaborated on two similar projects for elderly Lakewoodites. The LakewoodAlive team partnered with 8th graders from H2O

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LakewoodAlive partnered with Bentley Wealth Management of Raymond James to transform a yard on Delaware Avenue.

Lakewood Living

LakewoodAlive To Host

“Knowing Your Home: Roofing And Insulation Options” On August 25

by Matt Bixenstine

Like a protective shield, it's a first line of defense, serving as a barrier against wind, rain, snow and other natural elements. Your home's roof is important and it behooves you as a homeowner to know what's overhead.

That's why LakewoodAlive has partnered with 1st Choice Roofing Company and Pure Seal Insulation to offer “Knowing Your Home: Roofing and Insulation Options” from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25. The 10th installment of 2016 for this popular – and free – home educational series will take place at 1st Choice Roofing's facility located at 11309 Franklin Avenue in Cleveland.

This workshop seeks to tackle the ins and outs of roofing and insulation options. Roof replacement represents the perfect time to implement insulation improvements to make your home more comfortable and energy efficient, enabling homeowners to save money and achieve greater eco-



This free workshop takes place from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 1st Choice Roofing Company.

friendliness.

“Knowing Your Home: Roofing and Insulation Options” will afford

attendees an ideal opportunity to learn more about roofing and insulation products that can aid with planning future home improvements. The workshop will highlight:

- Available roofing materials, their benefits and their warranties
- Available insulation products, their benefits and their warranties

To attend this free home educational workshop, register here: <http://bit.ly/2byZjxg>.

“A healthy roof offers a host of benefits ranging from protecting your residence to reducing your heating and cooling costs to increasing your home value,” said Allison Urbanek, LakewoodAlive's Housing Outreach Director. “We're excited to offer this free workshop exploring roofing and insulation best practices.”

Now in its third year, “Knowing Your Home” is an educational series focused on sustainability and home maintenance best practices empowering residents to tackle necessary repairs and improvements. Our workshop series is generously supported by: Citizens Bank, the City of Lakewood, Cleveland Lumber Company, First Federal Lakewood, Third Federal Savings & Loan and The University of Akron Lakewood.

In lieu of being charged to attend this workshop, participants are asked to either consider making a donation to LakewoodAlive or bringing canned foods or other non-perishable items for donation to the Lakewood Community Services Center. We appreciate your support.



LakewoodAlive teamed with Lakewood New Life Church to complete a massive curb appeal project for an elderly resident on Davis Court.

LakewoodAlive Completes Volunteer Projects With Bentley Wealth Management Of Raymond James, H2O, And LNLC

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- Help To Others on August 2 to complete a yard cleanup for an elderly resident on Delaware Avenue. H2O is a Lakewood-based service learning program for youths that enriches the city by engaging young people as community builders.

Prior to that on July 30, LakewoodAlive joined forces with 15 volunteers from Lakewood New Life Church (LNLC) to complete a massive curb appeal project for an elderly resident on Davis Court whose family had occupied the home for 70 years. No volunteer initiative has proven too big for LNLC, which has long been the oil to LakewoodAlive's engine.

“Our church has a policy of putting our love to action,” said Eric Stephens, Director of Community Outreach for LNLC, which managed to help the longtime Davis Court resident reclaim his backyard by removing extensive brush and debris. “We want to be a blessing to our community.”

The trio of beautification projects represented the 23rd, 24th, and 25th such undertakings completed by LakewoodAlive thus far in 2016. For more information regarding LakewoodAlive's Housing Outreach Program, contact Allison Urbanek, Housing Outreach Director, at aurbanek@lakewoodalive.com.

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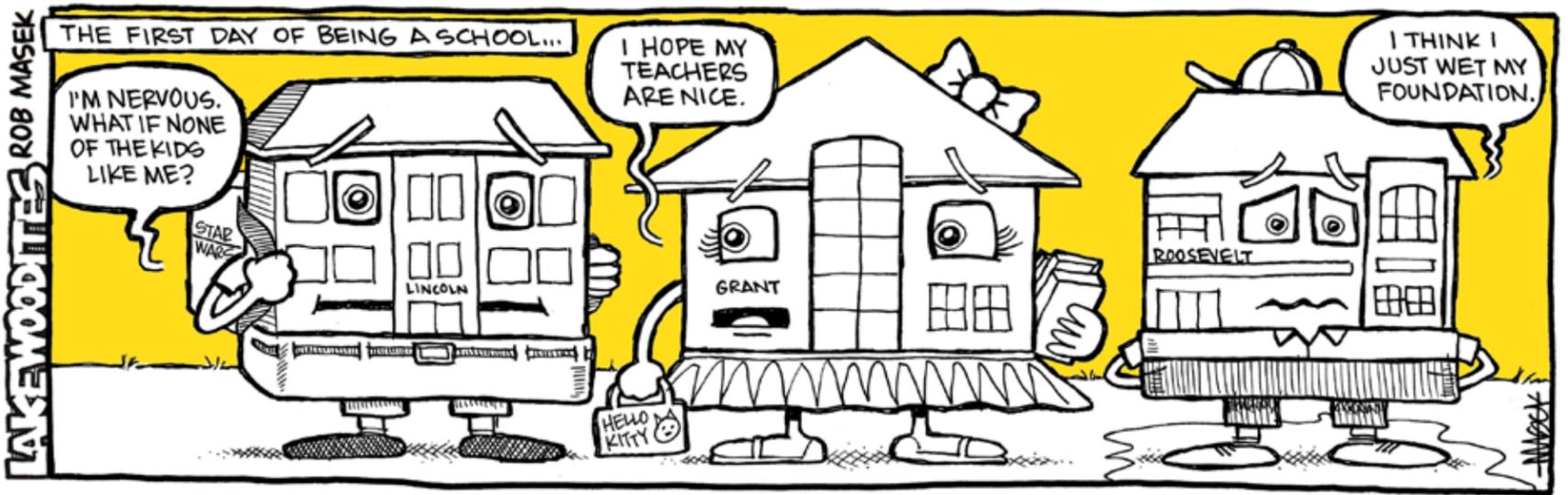
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